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For: **SOFT-METAL ELECTROMECHANICAL COMPONENT  
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**  
Matter No.: 0092-18-CIP

Commissioner for Patents  
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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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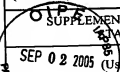
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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